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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Representative Ogden R. Reid (R., N.Y.)
on the Middle East

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1. Accompanied [REDACTED] OCI, to a briefing of Representative Ogden R. Reid (R., N.Y.) on the Middle East. The briefing lasted about an hour and went very well with no problems encountered.

2. Mr. Reid plans to accept an invitation to speak before student groups in South Africa around 18 August 1969. This is in followup of a similar trip by the late Senator Robert Kennedy. Reid said he has State Department support. He said the student audience would be subjecting themselves to reprisals by the South African Government and for this reason wanted to be sure that his contribution was meaningful, commensurate with the risk they will be taking. He said several congressmen felt they had a strong commitment to keep up with the late Senator Robert Kennedy's commitment in this area. He would like a briefing prior to departure and we said we would await his call.

3. He said he had been in touch with Mr. Kissinger to arrange an appointment with the President, apparently in connection with the upcoming trip to South Africa and the Middle East situation, to offer his assistance. He also offered his assistance to us. He gave [REDACTED] his private phone number at [REDACTED]; Area code [REDACTED], and asked to be contacted in the event of any significant new development in the Middle East.

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